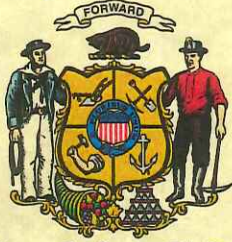


# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; more than 2,300 people in Wisconsin are on the waiting list for an organ transplant because there is a critical shortage of donors; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin launched an online registry for organ and tissue donation in 2010 and, so far, nearly 4,000 lives in our state have been saved and thousands more lives improved; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has the highest consent rates for donations in the Midwest and, in 2014, 643 organ transplants were done in our state, 198 donors and their families in Wisconsin donated their loved one's organs, and 136 people in Wisconsin were living kidney or liver donors; and

*WHEREAS*; working with Donate Life Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has created the new "Swipe to Donate Life" program that makes it easier than ever to register as a donor by simply scanning a driver's license and entering information into an application; and

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is just the seventh state to use this new technology which allows us to bring the online registry directly to people and events so donors can register on the spot; and

*WHEREAS*; every person who registers has the ability to help save or improve multiple lives while also sparing loved ones from difficult decisions during traumatic times; and

*WHEREAS*; during the month of April, which is designated as National Donate Life Month, health care professionals, volunteers, educators, government agencies, faith-based and community groups, and private organizations are working to boost the number of organ, eye, and tissue donors;

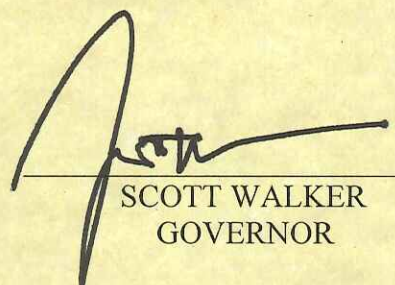
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

### DONATE LIFE MONTH

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the state of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the city of Madison this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2016.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State